

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 October 1952	2. LOCATION Alexandria, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>reflection</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/2210Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE up	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Spherical, oblate obj w/ an annulus around the circumference, silvery color, sharply outlined, size of pea. See case file.		11. COMMENTS It is the opinion of this Center that observer saw a reflection of the sun fm ice crystals or a very thin cloud - contributing factors being twilight & clear skys. See case file.	

COMDR, ATIC

WAS THERE ANY APPARENT RATE OF ACCELERATION, OR DID THE OBJECT
JUST SUDDENLY APPEAR TO BE MOVING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED?
WHAT WAS THE APPROX DISTANCE WHEN THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED?

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4

Col Glaser

DATE 24 OCT 58

AFCIN-4E

Col Gilbert

DATE 24 OCT. 58

For:

SYMBOL

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Detachment 10
1006TH AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON
United States Air Force
Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D.C.

AI SD10

18 November 1958

SUBJECT: UFOB Investigation

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFCIN-4E4
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference your TWX AFCIN-4E4 10-2546-E. Major Ralph N Albright, Det 10, 1006th AISS re-interviewed Mr [REDACTED]. Due to his absence it was not possible to interview him until 14 November 1958. Upon completion of the interview it was discussed with personnel from Headquarters, 1006th AISS and decided that it did not warrant preparation of an IR. The information received is as follows:

- a. Appearance when first sighted was gossamer.
- b. The object was stationary for approximately 10 seconds.
- c. The distance was estimated in relation to terrain and an aircraft departing Washington National Airport passed behind the object.
- d. During recession object faded.
- e. There was a fading of brightness.
- f. After being stationary for 10 seconds object moved until in 40 seconds it was too small to be resolved by the eye.
- g. Source had no idea of distance at which it dissappeared.

Ralph N Albright
RALPH N ALBRIGHT
Major, USAF
Commander

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Comdr, 1006th AISS
Ent AFB, Colo

DET 10, 1006th AISS
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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

7 10 1958
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

6 4 6:10 PM
Hour Minutes
(Circle One): A.M. Daylight or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One):

- a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One):

- a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Block Lee Street Alexandria Va
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country
Additional remarks: Walking south after having placed a letter
in mail box

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

50
Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One):

- a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight

- d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):

- a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

- d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF It was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other _____

*Spherical
silvery
object*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?

Yes

No

Don't Know

b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?

Yes

No

Don't Know

c. Break up into parts or explode?

Yes

No

Don't Know

d. Give off smoke?

Yes

No

Don't Know

e. Change brightness?

Yes

No

Don't Know

f. Change shape?

Yes

No

Don't Know

g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

Yes

No

Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind:

*Commercial airplane taking off from the field
from North air port and turning right to go west*

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of:

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

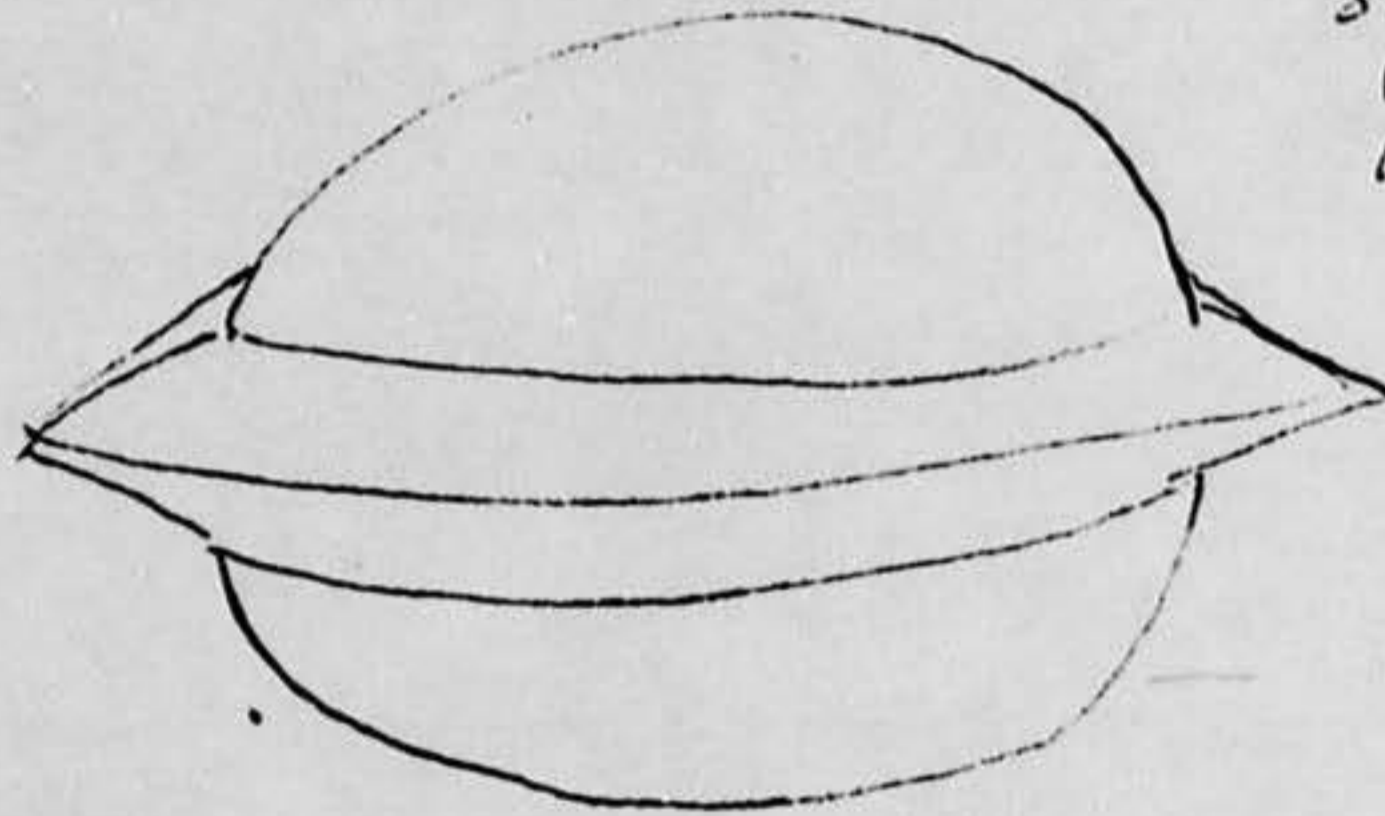
h. Other _____

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound None

b. Color Silvery

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



Spherical, oblate with
an annulus around the
center circumference.

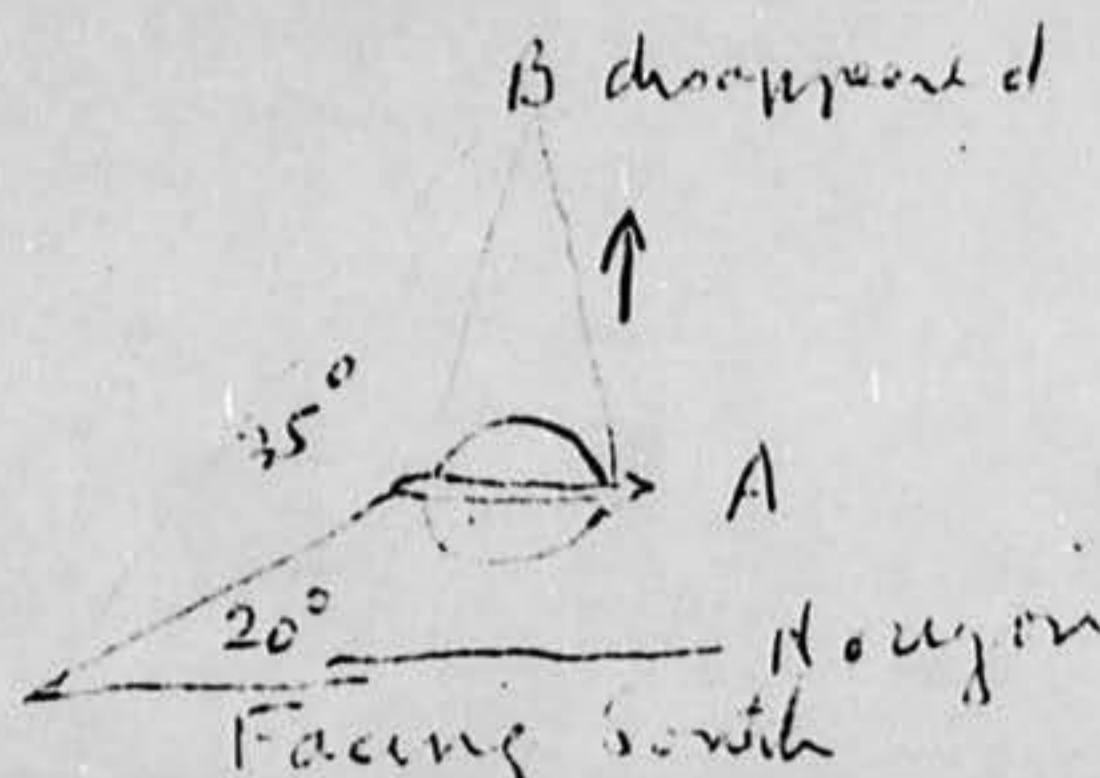
18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? One
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
600 feet. *subtended angle of 3° (at 5 miles)*

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
 c. Dime
 d. Nickel
 e. Quarter
 f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
 h. Baseball
 i. Grapefruit
 j. Basketball
 k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- a. Certain**
 b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
 d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Went beyond observation

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

Al clad aluminum
 Spherical
 Pawn lookers ball

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- ☒ c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- ☒ b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Walking on side walk home from mailings LTO

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?
(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 180 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

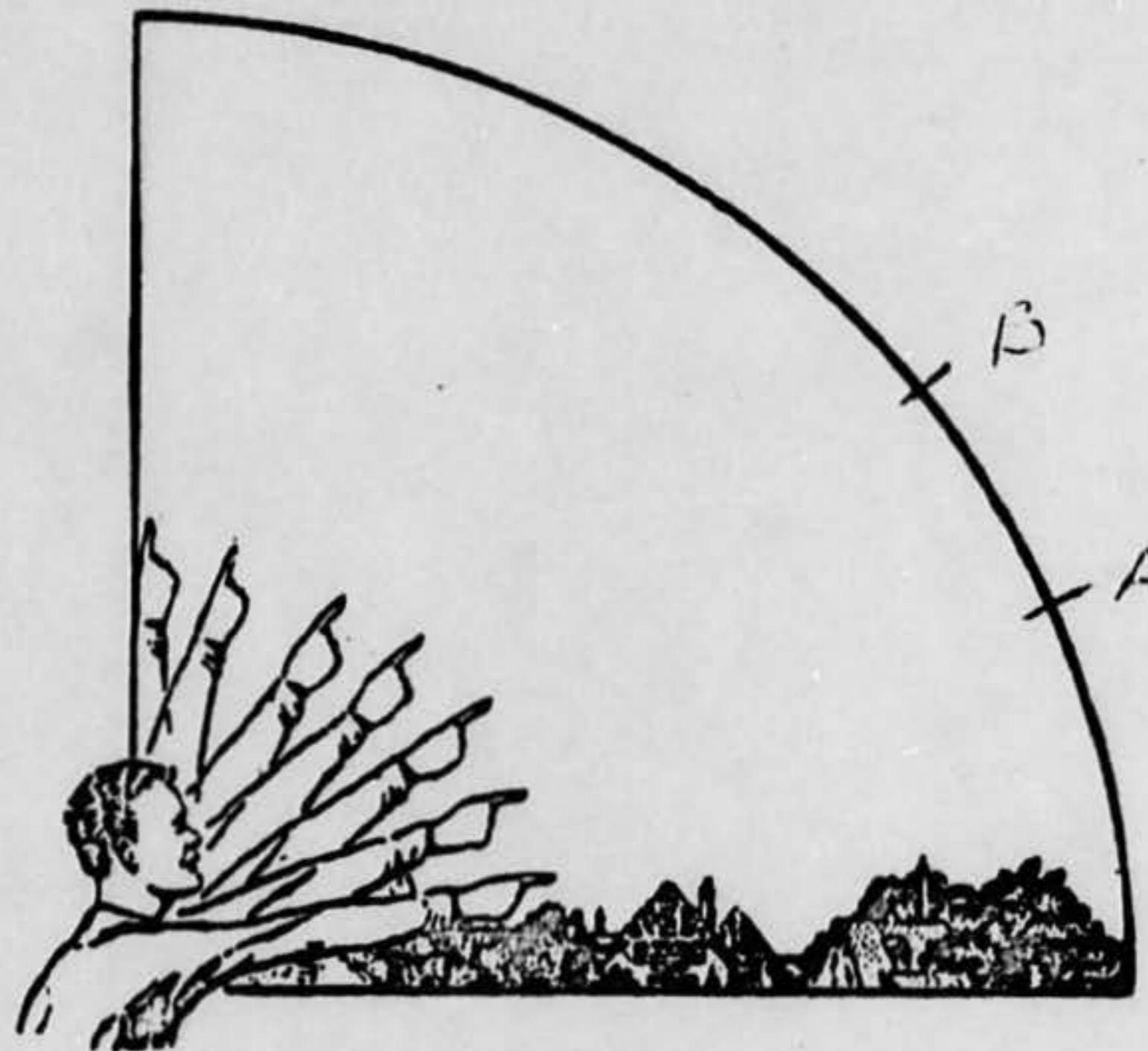
- a. From true North 180 degrees.
- b. From horizon 35 degrees.

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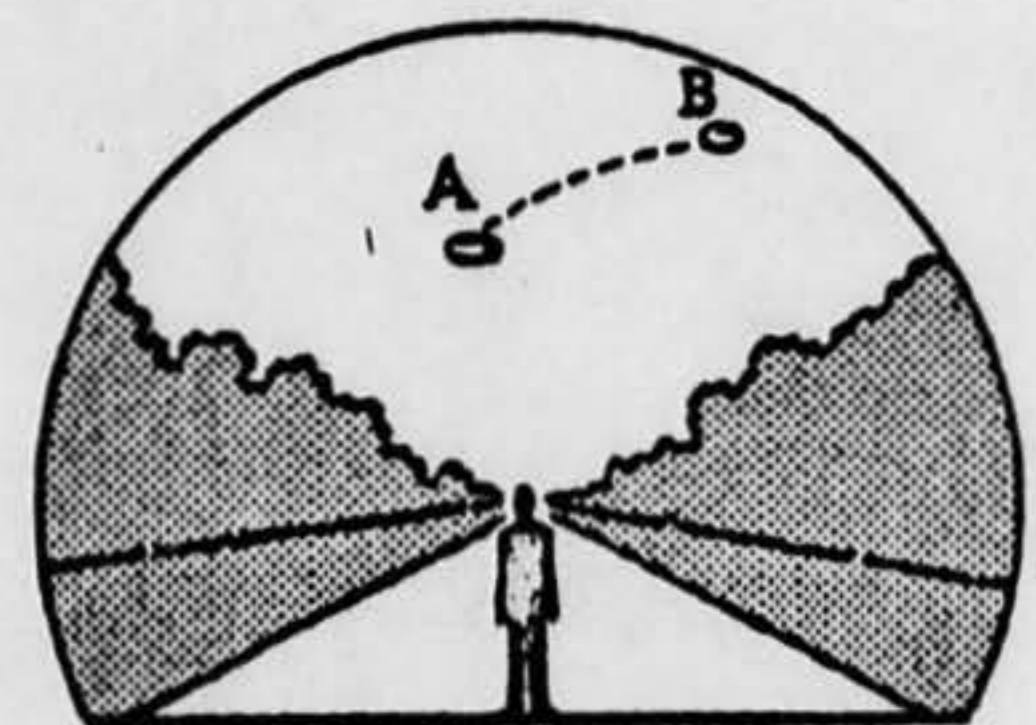
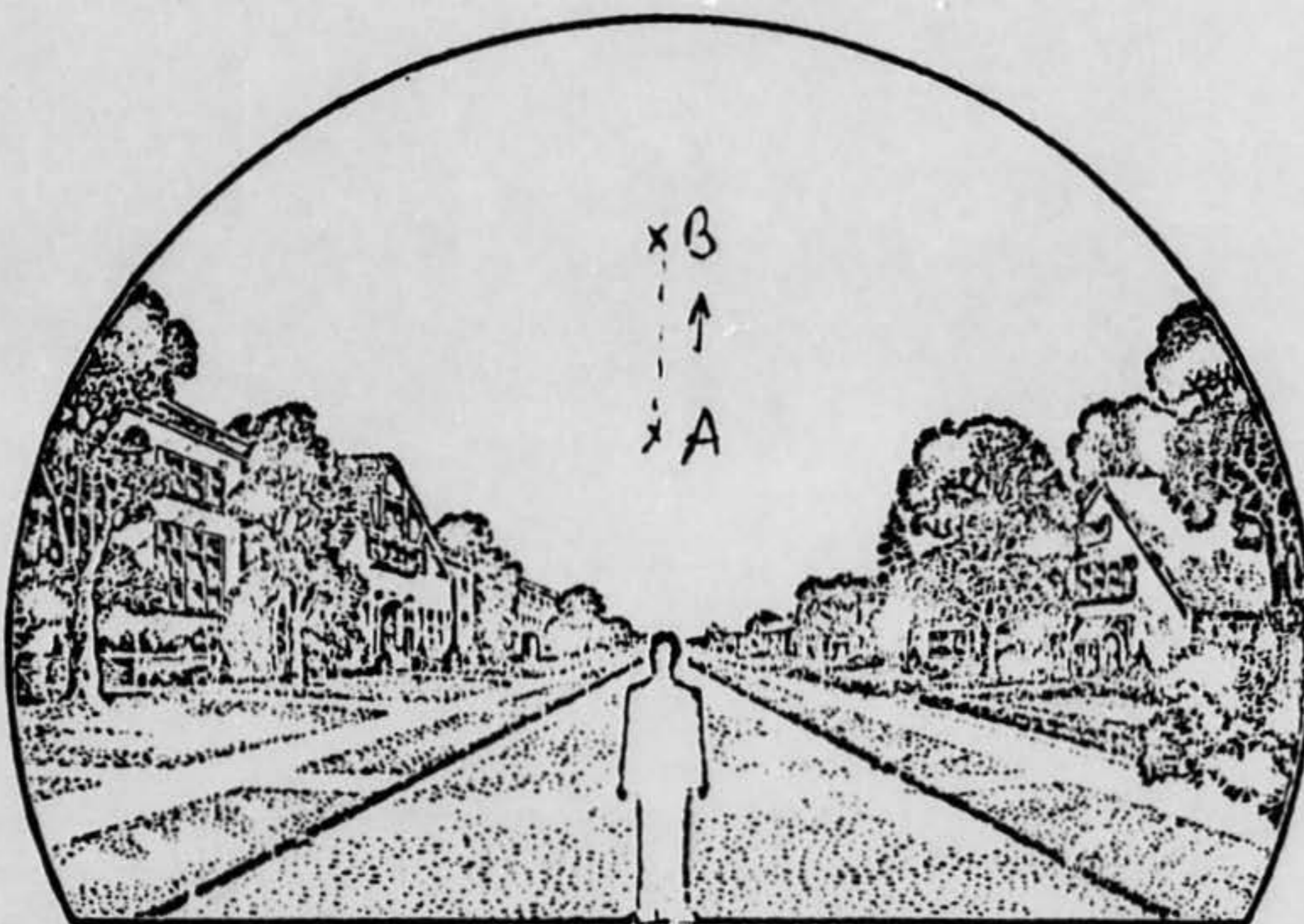
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32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



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34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Oct 8th October 1958
Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

No answer

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

☐ No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

near 1000 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

☐ No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

3 miles feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED]
Last Name

[REDACTED]
First Name

[REDACTED]
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
Street

Alexandria

City

[REDACTED]
Zone

Va
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

What is your present job?

Spl Asst Secretary Defense R & E

Age

63

Sex

M

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

b. High school _____

c. College ☒ _____

d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school _____

(Type) _____

f. Other special training _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

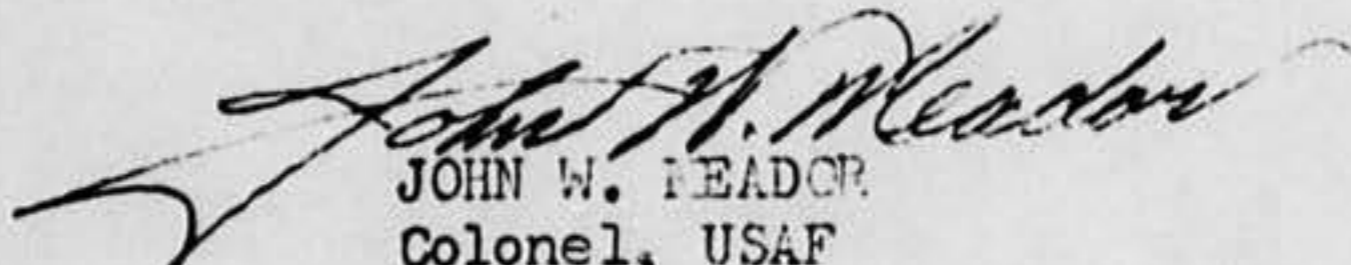
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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS Virginia, USA		DATE OF INFORMATION 7 Oct 58	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 1006th AISS		DATE OF COLLECTION 10-12 Oct 58	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Ralph N Albright, Major, USAF		DATE OF REPORT 14 Oct 58	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE U.S. Citizen		EVALUATION B-3	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)			
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) UFO Sighting, 7 Oct 58			
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies) I. SUMMARY: This report contains the results of the investigation conducted concerning an Unidentified Flying Object sighted approximately 3 miles South of Alexandria, Virginia. II. DISTRIBUTION: USAF only III. CREDIT LINE: Captain William Hrabko (AO 930796) M/Sgt Christopher G Pagos (AF 14109469) S/Sgt Haakon E Norbom (AF 18365108) S/Sgt Roy G Stephenson (AF 18442202)			
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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME

(Please Print)

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CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

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UFO OBSERVERS INSTRUCTION SHEET
(Sky Diagram)

1. GENERAL:

a. The diagram represents all of the sky normally visible to the observer, who is pictured standing under the center of the "dome" of the sky. It is designed to show a three-dimensional view of the area centered around the observer at the time of the UFO sighting.

b. The position of any object in the sky can be described by giving its elevation, or angle upward from the horizon, and its bearing or angle along the horizon, eastward from north.

(1) Illustrations:

(a) Elevation is 0 degrees for an object on the horizon, and 90 degrees for the point directly over the observer (zenith). Thus, an object half-way up from the horizon to the zenith has an elevation of 45 degrees.

(b) Bearing (or "azimuth") is the angle along the horizon, starting from north and moving clockwise eastward. Thus, an object directly toward the east, no matter what its elevation is above the horizon, has a bearing of 90 degrees, an object in the south has a bearing of 180 degrees; toward the west, 270 degrees and so on. North is, of course, zero.

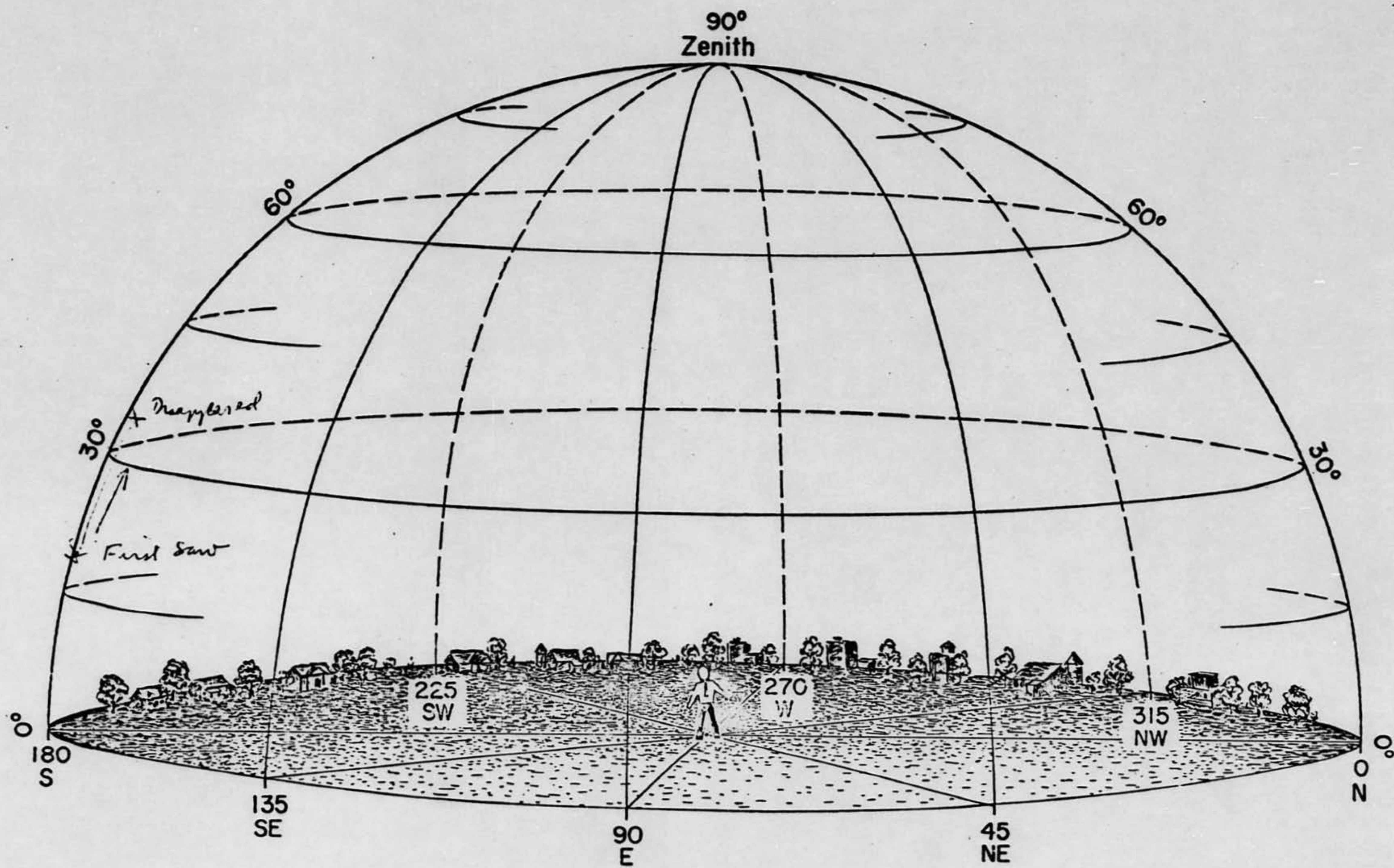
EXAMPLE: An object is seen in the northeast and one-third way up from horizon to overhead. Thus, the object has a bearing of 45 degrees, and elevation of 30 degrees. Similarly, an object having a bearing of 180 degrees and an elevation of 60 degrees would be seen directly south and two-thirds of the way up from the horizon.

2. PLOTTING THE COURSE OF AN OBJECT ON THE SKY DIAGRAM:

a. The path of an object across the sky can be shown completely on this diagram simply by connecting with a curved or straight line the various positions the object successively occupies (see example sheet). To aid visualization, the path on the western side of the sky is represented by broken lines; the eastern side in solid lines. Direction of the object is indicated by arrows. The duration of the sighting can be shown by indicating the time at the position, where the object was first and last observed. Where possible, the time at various intermediate positions occupied by the object should also be shown.

b. The diagram can be made a more effective investigative and analytical tool by making the lines (showing the path of the object) thicker or thinner to indicate any varying brightness of the object observed. This is especially valuable when the object appeared only as a moving light at night. Thus, if a light becomes brighter and then gradually fades, it can be represented by a line becoming increasingly thicker and then gradually thinning out to nothing.

c. Use of colored pencils is especially recommended if the object changes color or hue during the sighting.



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SUSPENSE

ORIGIN OF BASIC

DATE

ASSIGNED BY

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TYPE

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SUBJECT

(C) UFO Sighting, Alexandria, Va. (Mr. [REDACTED])

ROUTING

Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)

IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT
	OIN-1			OIN-2			OIN-3			OIN-4			AFOIN	
	OIN-1X			OIN-2X			OIN-3X			OIN-4X			AFOIN-X	
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													CABLES	
													FILE	
													DISPATCH	

TO:

SAFIS-3, Attn: Maj. Tacker

DATE

26 Nov. 1958

FROM:

AFCIN-4E

COMMENT NO.

1

COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)

4E4/Maj Friend/ac/69216/Bldg 828


1. On 7 October 1958, Mr. [REDACTED], Special Assistant to The Secretary of Defense for Research and Development, of Alexandria, Virginia, reported seeing an Unidentified Flying Object at 1810, daylight time. The object was observed for approximately 50 seconds and described as being bright, an oblate spheroid with an annulus around the circumference and approximately 600' in its longest dimension (subtended an angle of 3 degrees at 3 miles). Object was stationary for approximately 10 seconds and then disappeared by moving away from the witness. Mr. [REDACTED] was the only witness to report this phenomena.


2. The opinion of the ATIC is that Mr. [REDACTED] was victim of an illusion created by the reflection of the sun from either ice crystals or a very thin cloud. As the sun lowered behind the horizon it illuminated less and less of the reflector, the decrease in size creating the illusion of motion. The wind had a component which was generally toward the north; therefore, the reflector drifting toward the witness could help account for the apparent increase in altitude. (This is not, however, considered a major factor.

3. The fact that the object was reported as first stationary then moving lends to the above conclusion. There would be no apparent motion until the amount of reflected light began to noticeably diminish. Further weight is lent to this conclusion by the fact that this object was reported as being approximately 600' in length, but investigation failed to uncover another witness.

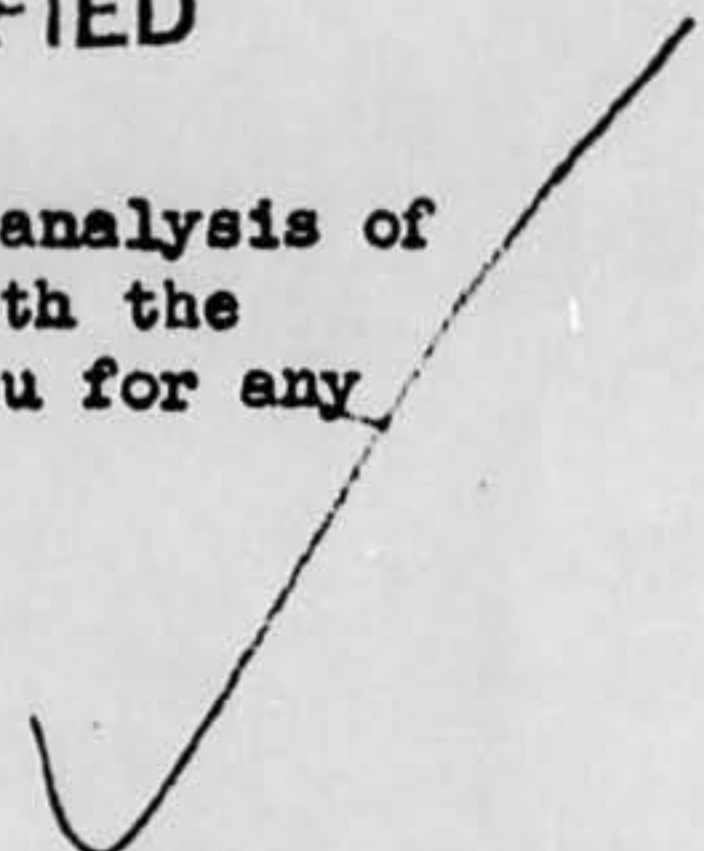
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4. The ATIC has not had any special request for the analysis of this sighting. However, due to Mr.  position with the Department of Defense, this information is forwarded to you for any action you deem necessary and/or appropriate.

HR 46
H. K. GILBERT
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E



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7 OCT 58

1810 Daylight
SAFIS-3/Maj Tacker/jmh/14966/23 Dec 58

[REDACTED]

Case 1958

DEC 23 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. [REDACTED]
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR RESEARCH & ENGINEERING, OASD

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighting

1. This memorandum is in answer to your unidentified flying object sighting of 7 October 1958 at Alexandria, Virginia. The sighting was referred immediately to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for analysis and/or evaluation.

2. In the opinion of the Air Technical Intelligence Center personnel, the phenomenon you saw was created by the reflection of the sun from either ice crystals or a very thin cloud layer. As the sun lowered behind the horizon it illuminated less and less of the reflector, the decrease in size creating the illusion of motion. The wind had a component which was generally toward the north; therefore, the reflector drifting toward the witness could help account for the apparent increase in altitude.

3. The fact that the object was reported as first stationary then moving lends to the above conclusion. There would be no apparent motion until the amount of reflected light began to noticeably diminish. Further weight is lent to this conclusion by the fact that this object was reported as being approximately 600' in length and investigation failed to uncover another witness.

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E. B. LeBAILLY
Brigadier General, USAF
Deputy Director of
Information Services

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SAFIS-3 COMEBACK CY
SAFIS-1 READING CY

2210Z

70ct

1 Witness

UFO Analysis Sheet

Location ALEXANDRIA VADate 7 OCT 58Hour (Z) 2210

WX CLEAR 15+ MILES VISIBILITY FEW STREETS
AT 5000', LESS THAN 10 - WIND GENERALLY SOUTH AT 10 KNOTS
Description: BRIGHT SILVERY OBJECT, COORDINATES APPROXIMATELY
750' (SUBTENDED AN ANGLE OF 70 AT 2 MILES AWAY)
GENERALLY SPHERICAL WITH AN EQUATORIAL
SHIRT

Direction of Motion SOUTH AND UP

Satellite: DISCOUNTED - APPARENT DIRECTION OF
(AFCIN-4F3) Phone: 69219 MOTION WRONG

Astronomical Phenomena
Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc.

NOT A METEOR OR COMET. HAD IT BEEN
A PLANET OR A STAR, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
MORE PROMINENT AND RECORDED BY
TELESCOPES.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A.

Natural Phenomena

Ball Lightning, etc. DISCOUNTED.

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc.

DISCOVERED

CONTAINED IN REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
OF THE AIR FORCE

Other:

ILLUSION - THE SIGHTING OF THE OBJECT
WAS NOT A BALLOON OR AIRSHIP BUT A REFLECTION
OF THE SETTING SUN ON A LAYER OF ICE CRYSTALS
OR A VERY THIN CLOUD. AS THE SUN LOWERED
BEHIND THE HORIZON IT ILLUMINATED LESS AND LESS
OF THE REFLECTOR, CREATING THE ILLUSION
OF MOTION, AS THE OBJECT APPARENTLY
DECREASED IN SIZE. THE WIND HAD A
COMPONENT WHICH WAS GENERALLY TOWARD
THE NORTH THEREFORE THE REFLECTOR DRIFTING
TOWARD THE WITNESS COULD HELP ACCOUNT
FOR THE APPARENT INCREASE IN ALTITUDE.

Evaluation of Source Reliability

SOURCE HIGHLY RELIABLE

ASST. TO THE ASST. SEC. OF DEFENSE FOR
AND ENGINEERING

Analysis and Conclusions:



IT IS BELIEVED THAT MR TOWNSEND SAW
THE REFLECTION OF THE SETTING SUN OFF
A LAYER OF ICE CRYSTALS OR A VERY THIN
CLOUD. AS THE SUN LOWERED BEHIND THE
HORIZON IT ILLUMINATED LESS AND LESS
OF THE REFLECTOR, CREATING THE ILLUSION
OF MOTION, AS THE OBJECT APPARENTLY
DECREASED IN SIZE. THE WIND HAD A
COMPONENT WHICH WAS GENERALLY TOWARD
THE NORTH THEREFORE THE REFLECTOR DRIFTING
TOWARD THE WITNESS COULD HELP ACCOUNT
FOR THE APPARENT INCREASE IN ALTITUDE.
THE REPORT THAT THE OBJECT WAS AT
FIRST STATIONARY LEADS TO THESE CONCLUSIONS -
THERE WOULD BE NO APPARENT MOTION UNTIL
THE AMOUNT OF REFLECTED LIGHT BEGAN TO
DIMINISH.

THE FACT THAT MR TOWNSEND WAS THE
ONLY WITNESS CAN BE EXPLAINED BY THE

POSSIBILITY THAT HE WAS IN POSITION TO OBSERVE THIS REFLECTION. (1) OBJECT 150' LONG COULD HARDLY HAVE GONE UNOBSERVED BY OTHERS IF IN THE AREA OF SUCH A DENSE POPULATION FOR 1 MINUTE.

CONCLUSION - IT IS THE OPINION OF THE
AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER THAT
MR. TOWNSEND OBSERVED AN ILLUSION
CREATED BY THE REFLECTION OF THE
SUN FROM ICE CRYSTALS OR A VERY
THIN CLOUD - CONTRIBUTING FACTORS
TWILIGHT AND APPARENTLY CLEAR SKYS
WITH EQUALLY APPARENT UNRESTRICTED VISIBILITY

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IV. PREAMBLE: SOURCE was a 63 year old male and a college graduate with a degree in Engineering. He was the Special Assistant for the Secretary of Defense, Research and Engineering. Residence of SOURCE was [REDACTED], ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA (3848N/7703W). SOURCE's detailed reports of the sighting are attached as Inclosures 1 and 2, of this report.

V. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION: Det 10, 1006th AISS received UFO report from AFCIN-1A1, at 09/2015Z Oct 58. Investigative team was dispatched 10/1430Z Oct 58. The following information is presented in a chronological format in order to indicate persons and agencies contacted with subsequent results.

1. Anacostia NAS, Washington, D.C.: Navy Operations reported no unusual activity including no balloon or blimp operations being carried on in the vicinity and had received no reports of possible UFO sighting.

2. Washington National Airport Weather Station, Washington, D.C.: Reported that they had no observation equipment aloft nor were they making any sighting at the time of subject UFO. Recorded weather observed at 07/2155Z Oct 58 was: clear skies, 15 + miles visibility, wind SE at 4 knots, few strato cumulus at 5000 ft (less than 1/10th) and wind variable. Winds aloft were: 2000 ft, SSW, 8 knots; 4000 ft, SSW, 8 knots; 6000 ft, 150 degrees, 12 knots; 8000 ft, 210 degrees, 10 knots; 25000 ft, 260 degrees, 29 knots.

3. Det 2, 4th Weather Group, Andrews AFB: Reported they had no observation equipment aloft nor were any sightings being made at the time of subject UFO.

4. Flight Operations, Army Air Field, Ft Belvoir, Va: Two light aircraft were operating in the vicinity of Ft Belvoir. Flight Operations had no reports of any unusual sighting or activity during time and date of subject sighting.

5. Fort Washington Park Police, Va: Reported no unusual activity or sighting in the area.

6. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.: Reported no unusual phenomenon occurring at the time of subject sighting, nor had they received inquiries indicating possible sighting by others.

7. Observatory, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.: Reported no knowledge of any unusual phenomenon occurring in the vicinity at the time of subject sighting and had received no inquiries indicating possible sighting by others.

8. Coast Guard Intelligence, Washington, D.C.: Reported no unusual Coast Guard activity occurred in the area of subject sighting and had no reports of possible UFO sighting. Coast Guard Intelligence did not believe that lights and beacons under CG authority along the Potomac could have created such a phenomenon as described by the SOURCE.

9. Alexandria Municipal Police, Va: Had no reports of UFO sightings 7 Oct 58.

10. Virginia State Police (Engelside Barracks), Va: Had no reports of UFO sighting 7 Oct 58.

11. Captain Zeng, Eastern Air Lines Pilot: Captain Zeng reported that on 07/2206Z Oct 58 (at time of subject sighting) he departed Southward from Washington National flying an Eastern Air Lines constellation and after climbing to

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2000 ft made a right turn out of traffic. He was sure he had observed no unusual sighting or activity during this flight.

12. Mr [REDACTED], General Operations, CAB, Washington, D.C.: Mr [REDACTED] departed Washington National Airport to the South via private aircraft at 07/2208Z Oct 58 (at time of subject sighting) but saw nothing unusual in that area.

13. ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio: ATIC had received no reports of subject sighting from other sources, nor of any other unusual sightings in this area.

14. Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.: Interview with Bolling Operations Officer, review of Airdrome Officer report and control tower log revealed no knowledge of any possible UFO sighting or unusual activity occurring 7 Oct 58.

15. Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C.:

a. Control tower log revealed no unusual sightings or occurrences. Observation in the southern direction from the control tower was approximately 8 miles.

b. Air Traffic Control Center: Review of take off records revealed the following aircraft departed Washington National during the period of subject sighting (2200Z to 2210Z):

(1) Capitol Airlines Flight 407. The following is the result of interview with the pilot. Take off was made in a DC-4 at 07/2159Z Oct 58 heading south. He climbed to 2000 ft and made a right turn out of traffic. During the turn he noticed an unidentified aircraft with a nose light on heading north. He estimated the aircraft was at 3000 ft and was in the vicinity over Beacon Field. He was definite that the trip out of Washington was routine.

(2) Eastern Airlines Flight 509. Reference paragraph V, item 11, Interview of Captain Zeng.

(3) Private aircraft. Reference paragraph V, item 12, Interview with Mr Joe Zacko, CAB.

16. AF Liaison Officer, Navy Research Lab, Washington, D.C.: Check was made with this agency to determine possibility that UFO sighted could have been the Soviet Satellite Delta 1 or Delta 2. This possibility was discounted.

17. National Technical Processing Center, Washington, D.C.: Check was made with this agency to determine possibility that UFO sighted could have been the Soviet Satellite Delta 1 or Delta 2. This possibility was discounted.

18. Neighborhood from which sighting was made: No witnesses could be found to corroborate sighting.

VI. CONCLUSION: Every effort was made to confirm the subject sighting by a second or third person, however, no corroborative evidence was uncovered. The only possibility that might explain the sighting is contained in item V 15b(1): the Capitol Airline pilot's report of an unidentified aircraft with his nose light on flying North at the altitude of the SOURCE's sighting and in the vicinity of the sighting.

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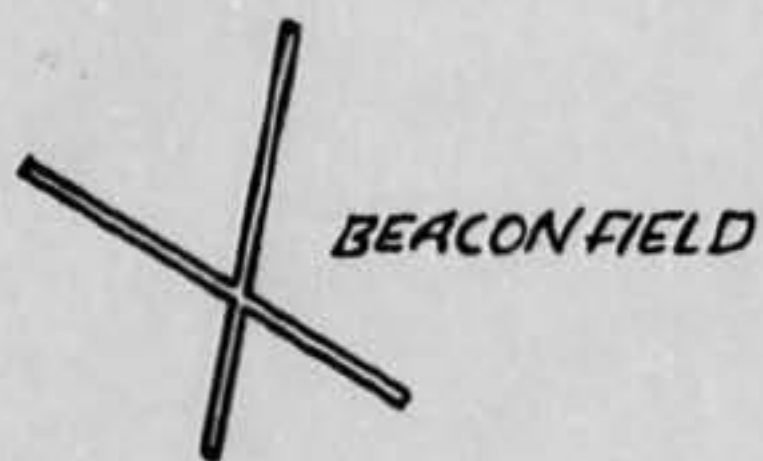
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MEMORANDUM FOR **[REDACTED]**, OFF

SUBJECT: Sighting of an Unidentified Object - 7 October 1958

Between 6 and 6:10 PM on 7 Oct 1958, I was walking South on the 600 block of Lee Street, Alexandria, Virginia. I observed a bright silvery object in the sky due South and at a height of 20° from the horizon. At first the object was stationary and then it rapidly gained altitude, proceeding South and away from me when it disappeared, becoming too small to see at an angle with the horizon of 30° to 35° . The sky was clear, there was no appreciable wind, and the visibility was unlimited. The disappearance of the object was due to its rapid procession to the distance. The total time it was in view was approximately 50 seconds - this permitted me to walk one-half block. Its estimated slant range would be approximately 3 miles, since, while it was in sight, a commercial plane from the National Airport taking off South turned West and was between me and the object. These planes usually turn West about 1 to 2 miles South of Alexandria. The object when first seen subtended an angle of approximately 3° . This would make it a very large object of the order of 600 feet. There was no sound of motor, jet or propellor. Its shape was roughly spherical with an equator or skirt as shown in the attached sketch.

No one else was around at the time. The following morning I estimated the angles with a protractor and timed the distance of walking when the object was in sight.

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1006TH AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON
United States Air Force
Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D.C.

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14 October 1958

SUBJECT: UFO Report Evaluation

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFCIN 4E4, Major Friend
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In view of Mr. [REDACTED] position with the Department of Defense, it is suggested that a preliminary evaluation be made of this UFO report. At a later date a final evaluation (if applicable) may also be sent.

2. These evaluations should be addressed to AFCIN-1A1, ATTN: Captain Charles B. Copas.

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